

Dates to remember

Jan. 1, 2014:

Renew your INPS membership

Feb. 26-27, 2014:

Rare Plant Conference, Boise

March 31, 2014:

ERIG proposal deadline

June 20-22, 2014:

INPS and Eriogonum Society Annual Meeting, Twin Falls



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Rockford outdoor classroom blooms thanks to ERIG

By Quinn Lindsay

Rockford PTA President

We've had a busy spring at Rockford Elementary trying to put our finishing touches on our Outdoor Classroom. We were able to plant a natural windbreak with Juniper trees to help block the wind and to give us an Idaho native plant to study. We were also able to plant many Idaho native plants including huckleberries, syringa, blue spruce trees, purple coneflower, lupine and various ground covers. Our school grounds are now very beautiful and helpful when learning more about Idaho history.

Bradley Johnson was a local scout, and son of Rockford Elementary teacher Mrs. Johnson, who helped us with planting all of these plants and trees. He also helped us form a new brick border around our flowerbed and flag pole and helped install mulch and bark in those areas as well. We also had some of our fourth grade scouts help with this project as well and it was a fun experience for them.

The school district was able to install a sprinkler system around our flag pole and lane of trees that were planted last year to help ensure these new additions to our outdoor classroom are receiving enough water.

We are extremely grateful to ERIG program to receive some grant money in helping our dream of an outdoor classroom come true for our fourth graders. We are looking forward to many years of learning about Idaho native plants to come in the future.

Photo courtesy of Rockford PTA.

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Greetings from the President

Dear Idaho Native Plant Society Members,

The response to the INPS membership survey taken during August and September was encouraging. From a membership of approximately 486 persons, there were 196 responses to the survey, just slightly over 40 percent. We wish that we had heard from all our members, but feel that 40 percent participation will provide needed guidance to the INPS Board of Directors. The complete survey results are on the INPS website at www.idahonativeplants.org. The following are just a few points we learned from the survey:

"Plant education, preservation, and conservation" was the top ranked reason for membership in INPS with 102 members ranking it as the number one over five other reasons. Second place was "to learn the names of the plants I see when hiking, camping, etc." with 60 votes. A close third place was "field trips and meetings" with 53 votes.

INPS needs to do a better job of letting our members know about our website and its advantages as 116 respondents seldom or never use the website and 13 respondents didn't know we have a website. We were also told that the website could be most improved by including more information about plant identification.

The majority of the respondents (113) were willing to pay an extra \$5 to \$10 a year in increased dues to meet INPS budgetary needs. The INPS Board does need to keep in mind those members that could not afford any increase in membership dues. There were 15 respondents in that category.

"Discussion of native and rare plant issues and topics" were the favored articles in *Sage Notes*, but there is a broad range of interest in a variety of *Sage Notes* topics. There is a lot of support for either an email copy of *Sage Notes* (40 votes) or an emailed link to the online copy (75 votes), but there are still many people (67) who still prefer to receive a paper copy.

There is overwhelming support (164 votes) for continuing with joint annual meetings with other plant societies when the opportunity arises.

This is just a sample of what we learned from the survey. As the INPS Board of Directors faces decisions in the future, the survey will be used to help direct those decisions. I again want to thank all those that participated in the INPS survey and I especially want to thank Paul Shaffer for all the work he put into setting up the survey. He was able to get it set up quickly, in a format that was easy to use and was a great advisor during the process. Great job Paul!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the June 20-22, 2014 joint annual meeting with the Eriogonum Society. Elsewhere in this issue of *Sage Notes* you will find more in-depth information on that meeting.

Have a great holiday season!

LaMar Orton
INPS President

INPS State News

INPS Annual Meeting: An Invitation to Twin Falls in 2014

By Stephen Love

This past year INPS did something new. We joined with the American Penstemon Society Meeting to hold our Annual Meeting. Based on the response from those attending, it was a great success. So, when an opportunity to do something similar came along, this time to join with the Eriogonum Society who will be meeting in Twin Falls, Idaho this next summer, we jumped at the chance. A committee made up of INPS (Loasa and Upper Snake Chapters) and Eriogonum Society members are already working hard to put meeting details together. June will be here before we know it and we want to make sure to give you plenty of time to make plans to be with us in Twin Falls next year. Here is a basic rundown on the meeting so you can get it on your to-do list.

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held Friday-Sunday, June 20-22. It will be based out of Twin Falls, located in the south-central region of the state. Registration, classes, and lectures will all be held on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho. On Friday evening, we will have a reception, tentatively scheduled to be held in LaMar Orton's 5-acre succulent and native plant garden (named Orton Botanical Garden aka Plantasia Cactus Gardens). Then, on Saturday and Sunday, we will embark on field trips to some of the local native plant hotspots. If there proves to be interest, we are considering putting together a Monday post-meeting field trip, possibly to the Craters of the Moon.



Photo by Steve Love.

Here is a little more detail on the meeting:

Friday Morning:

Board meetings for INPS and the Eriogonum Society

Registration

Friday Afternoon:

Participate in classes on keying, propagating, and other things Eriogonum

Friday Evening:

Reception at Orton Botanical Gardens

Saturday Morning and Afternoon:

Field trips to Gooding City of Rocks or to the South Hills, just south of Twin Falls (includes a stop at a hummingbird feeding station)

Saturday Evening:

Banquet, society business meetings and keynote lecture

Sunday Morning and Afternoon:

Field trips to Gooding City of Rocks or to the South Hills just south of Twin Falls (includes a stop at a hummingbird feeding station)

Monday

Possible post-meeting tour to Craters of the Moon, Owyhee Mountains or another site of interest

Meeting with the Eriogonum Society, with a membership that includes world-renowned botanists, will bring a great deal of knowledge into the meeting that should make the experience even more enjoyable. This will be a unique opportunity to explore the remarkable botanical and geological treasures of south-central Idaho. Come join us. See you next year in Twin Falls.

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Guidelines for Presenting Rare Plant Species from the INPS Rare Plant List for the 2014 Conference

By Beth Colket

Once you have selected a species that you would like to present (see the article *Recommendations for Prioritizing Which Species on the INPS Rare Plant List to Rank* in the [September 2013 issue of Sage Notes](#)), please follow the following guidelines for presenting rare plant species for the INPS Rare Plant List:

1. Verify the species has not yet been ranked and is not in the process of being ranked. You can view the complete INPS Rare Plant List on either the INPS website (<http://www.idahonativeplants.org/rpc/RarePlantList.aspx>) or the INPS Rare Plant Working Group listserv (<http://inpsrareplants.forumatic.com/index.php>).

2. E-mail Beth Colket (beth.colket@powereng.com) that you will be working on the species so this status can be added to the INPS Rare Plant List.

3. Search location records for the species and document location records in available download formats (e.g., .csv, .txt). Search for Idaho location records in all of the following sources:

- Consortium of Pacific Northwest Herbaria (<http://www.pnwherbaria.org/index.php>)
- IDFG Plant Conservation Database (PCD)
- New York Botanical Garden Vascular

Plant Catalog of the Intermountain Region of Western U.S. (<http://sciweb.nybg.org/science2/hcol/intf/index.asp.html>)

- Rocky Mountain Herbarium Specimen Database (<http://www.rmh.uwyo.edu/data/search.php>).

4. Compile information into a Species Account form, which is available for download at the INPS Rare Plant Working Group (RPWG) listserv (<http://inpsrareplants.forumatic.com/index.php>) listserv under “Conservation Rankings” and then “Forms and Definitions”. Follow instructions in INPS Rare Plant Methods (<http://www.idahonativeplants.org/rpc/INPSRarePlantListMethods.pdf>), which includes tips for calculating range extent.

5. Download a copy of the NatureServe Rank Calculator (<http://www.natureserve.org/publications/pubs/ConsStatusAssessRankCalculator-v2.zip>). Unzip the file, open it, and save it with your species name in the filename.

6. Input the data you have compiled into the “Calculator Form” and “Threats Assessment” spreadsheets of the NatureServe Rank Calculator. If you haven’t used the NatureServe Rank Calculator before and are having problems inputting data, please contact your regional RPWG lead for assistance. You will need

to have access to GIS or Google Earth to create a map for determining range extent, area of occupancy, and number of occurrences.

7. When you are done with the NatureServe Rank Calculator, save it and then save “Calculator Form” and “Threats Assessment” spreadsheets individually as .pdf files.

8. On the INPS Rare Plant Working Group listserv (<http://inpsrareplants.forumatic.com/index.php>), select “Conservation Rankings” and then select your regional RPWG. Once there, add a new topic and title it with your species name.

9. Create a post in your species topic, to include a short note, the completed Species Account form, and .pdfs of the “Calculator Form” and “Threats Assessment” spreadsheets. You will need to use Dropbox to upload your files. Instructions for using Dropbox are posted in the listserv at “Conservation Rankings” and then “How to Use this Forum”.

10. Compile feedback from others to update the

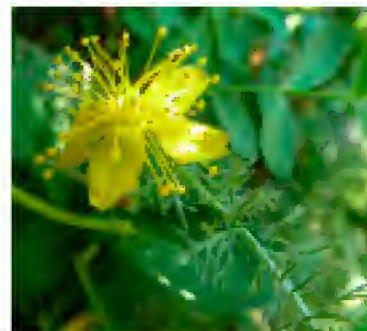
Species Account form and NatureServe Rank Calculator.

11. Present your species results at your regional RPWG meeting. Be sure to have a digital photo of your species, the filled out NatureServe Rank Calculator, filled out Species Account form, an overview map of location records, and documentation of herbaria location records (which can be sent to Jim Strickland at Idaho Department of Fish and Game). Make a species and rank recommendations with guidance from the meeting participants.

12. During or soon after the regional RPWG meeting, make sure that someone e-mails Beth Colket (beth.colket@powereng.com) species information to plug into the INPS Rare Plant List, which provides a searchable summary of the species information that you compiled.

13. At the next Rare Plant Conference, the summarized species information in the INPS Rare Plant List will be presented for final approval.

Norton's St. Johnswort
(*Hypericum scouleri* ssp.
nortoniae) found at Revett
Lake. Photo by Derek
Antonelli.



Rare Plant Conference

26th Idaho Rare Plant Conference New Date: February 26-27, 2014

USDA-Ag Research Station

@ 800 Park Blvd, Plaza IV, Boise, ID 83712

The Idaho Rare Plant Conference is back. The conference was inadvertently caught in the 15-day partial federal government last fall and has been rescheduled for February. As always, this conference is a great chance for all who are interested in rare plants — from professional and lay botanists to native plant devotees to wildflower enthusiasts to private consultants— to gather and learn the latest on rare plants in Idaho. There will be ample time for networking and discussion, at breaks and evening socials.

Motel Rooms have been held under a group rate at the Holiday Inn Express Boise Downtown – 475 W. Parkcenter Blvd, Boise, ID 83706 (\$83/night + 13% tax). Call the hotel front desk at 1-208-345-2002 and specify the “Rare Plant Conference”, no later than 02/04/2014.

Tentative Agenda:

Wednesday February 26:

- 1 to 5 p.m. — Rare Plant List Discussion, Ratification of recommended changes to format and species.
- 6 p.m. — Dinner @ Spaghetti Factory (610 W Idaho St., Boise) – Order in advance

Thursday February 27:

- 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. — Rare Plant List, cont.
- 10:45 a.m. to Noon — Presentations on rare plant conservation issues
- Noon to 1 p.m. — Lunch (on your own)
- 1 to 5 p.m. — Presentations (continued) and wrap-up
- 6 p.m. — Dinner @ The Reef (105 South 6th (6th and Main), Boise)
Order off the menu

Check the INPS website for additional details and updates! Registration opens about January 15th, 2014

www.idahonativeplants.org

Additional Related Events (all subject to change!):

- Southwest Idaho Rare Plant Working Group (RPWG) meeting – Early February
- Northern Idaho RPWG meeting - ?
- Southeast Idaho RPWG meeting - ?
- INPS Board meeting - ?
- Possible Keying Workshop – TBD

Questions? Contact Beth Corbin (ecorbin@blm.gov or 208 896-5923)

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

For the rescheduled 2014 Rare Plant Conference, we are requesting presentations from anyone who has information to share on issues relevant to rare plant conservation. The options include 20-minute presentations, 10-minute “To The Point” presentations, and posters. Student papers and posters are especially encouraged. Abstracts and associated information must be submitted by January 31, 2014 to Beth Colket (beth.colket@powereng.com). Authors will be notified about the selection of their presentation by February 7, 2014.

To present during the “To The Point” session (10 minute presentations), you need only submit your name, contact information, presentation title and a brief presentation description (2-3 sentences). The “To The Point” presentations are good opportunities to update colleagues on interesting observations that could lead to future research or projects you are initiating, have in progress, or have preliminary results for.

To present during the 20-minute presentations or a poster presentation, please fill out the Call for Presentations form on the INPS website at <http://www.idahonativeplants.org/meetings/conference.aspx>. The Call for Presentations form can also be e-mailed upon request. These longer presentations are ideal for more extensive research that is publishable.

2013 Foray anything but hazardous

By James Smith

Despite the ominous name, the 2013 Idaho Botanical Foray to Hazard Lake proved to be safe, productive and fun. The 6th annual foray was hosted by Boise State University and participants came from the College of Idaho, Idaho State University and a diverse array of backgrounds not tied to any of the institutions, as well as many members of INPS.

same location was noted, and will be of value to botanists in the future.

The foray started with a kick-off reception at Charlie's Gardens in McCall on July 11, generously hosted by Chris Davidson and Sharon Christoph on Thursday evening. Although clouds and a few showers threatened that evening, the weather cleared for a bright day on Friday and the collecting started.



The 2013 Idaho Botanical Foray group photo at Hazard Lake campground on Saturday, July 13, 2013. Photo by James Smith.

The goal of this event was to collect plants representing the communities growing in this region of the Payette National Forest. This process includes collecting plants and pressing them in newspaper to become permanent specimens in the herbaria throughout the state. Information about the location, the type of soil the plant was growing in and other plants growing in the

As botanists warmed up with hot beverages on Friday morning, they also warmed up to getting to some great natural areas to collect. Sites were selected to try and maximize the different habitats in the area. One group headed to a region dominated by basalt, aptly named Lava Butte. Led by Barbara Ertter, this group consisted of Alexa DiNicola, Kris Barrash and LaMar and Rosalie Orton. Some

highlight species included *Castilleja rhexifolia*, *Potentilla flabellifolia*, *Penstemon venustus* and *Clematis hirsutissima*.



Jim Smith and Alissa Salmore figure out where they are! Photo courtesy of James Smith.

A second group was led by Jim Smith with the intention of heading to Grassy Lakes. This group included Janet Bala, Chang Gee Jang, Kayla Tillotson, Alissa Salmore, Steve Martin, and Prospero (Jim and Steve's dog, who has been on all but one of the Idaho Botanical Forays!). Jim had collected in this area about 10 years ago and described the trail as fairly level with meadows interspersed with forest until arriving at the lakes. After about 45 minutes of hiking straight up an exposed and rocky slope, Jim and Alissa pulled out maps and realized they were on the trail to Lake Serene, not Grassy Lakes! At the end of the day, everyone realized that a treefall had blocked the path to Grassy Lakes and no one had noticed.

It was still a productive day with 87 collections made including *Mimulus breweri*, *Trautvetteria caroliniensis*, and the ubiquitous *Aconogonon phytolaccifolium* (formerly *Polygonum phytolaccifolium*, foamflower). Don Mansfield arrived that evening along with College of Idaho student Rachel Hamre who collected along Fischer Creek Saddle where they found the only collection of *Tofieldia* for the foray.

Saturday saw a few more botanists arrive and groups were re-organized. Janet Bala led Marja Slifka, Rachel Hamre, Alexa DiNicola, Michael Mancuso and Kayla Tillotson to Grassy Lakes, this time taking the correct trail! It was more like Smith had described and they found *Mertensia paniculata*, *Allium simillimum*, and *Chionophila tweedyi*.

Don Mansfield went with Beth Corbin and Jay Zimmers to Twin Lake Cirque where they found the only collection of *Kalmia polifolia* for the foray. Smith was joined by Chang Gee Jang, Alissa Salmore and Alma Hanson to the other side of Lava Butte from where Barbara Ertter and her group had collected the previous day. The trail was a challenge due to the many treefalls that had to be climbed,

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but the spectacular display of Lava Lake made the trek worth the effort, not to mention getting specimens of *Oxyria digna*, *Phacelia sericea*, and *Trifolium eriocephalum*. Barbara Ertter along with Kris Barrash, Jim Torell and LaMar and Rosalie Orton went off trail and explored a ridge running north of the Clayburn trailhead. Some note-worthy collections included *Cheilanthes* and some *Allium* species that as of this publication were not yet keyed to species.

Saturday evening was completed with the annual potluck dinner

Keying workshops to identify the material collected last July are being held at Boise State University on the third Thursday of each month from January to March of 2014 (Jan. 16, Feb. 20 and Mar. 20). Workshops run from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and are held in Science 248 on the Boise State campus. No skills are required and everyone is welcome to help put names on the collections made last summer.

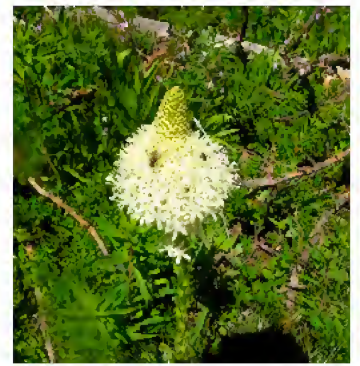
and “bring something from home or work to burn” that has become a signature event for the Idaho Botanical Foray. Everyone brings something that is readily burnable and explains the story behind the reason it is being burned.

These range from celebratory (shredded paper to represent cat hair of a new pet friend) to cathartic (incomplete management plans).

On Sunday, nearly everyone was ready to head back home, but Jim Smith, Beth Corbin and Jim Torell made one last trip to Upper Hazard Lake — departing on foot directly from the campground. This trail passed through forest and open meadows and

ended at the southern end of the lake dominated by a large scree slope. Here was the only place where the *circumboreal* *Sibbaldia procumbens* was encountered on the foray.

The 2014 foray will be hosted by Don Mansfield of the College of Idaho. This is likely to be an early foray, held in late June and is planned to be the first foray to leave the state boundaries and will meet in northern Nevada.



Xerophyllum tenax. Photo by James Smith.

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White Pine Chapter members hiked to Upper Gospel Lake, Gospel Hump Wilderness in July. Photo by Mike Hays.

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INPS Chapter News

CALYPSO CHAPTER

When: Meetings are the first Wednesdays of March, April, May and October at 7:00 p.m. We do not meet from November through February. Field trips are scheduled during the spring, summer and early fall months.

Where: Conference room of Idaho Department Fish and Game, 2885 W. Kathleen Ave., Coeur d'Alene, ID 83815

Contact: Derek Antonelli, antonelli8@frontier.com

FIELD TRIPS:

On August 10, members of the Calypso Chapter hiked a trail up to Revett Lake in the Coeur d'Alene Mountains near the Idaho/Montana border. It was a splendid hike with many native Idaho plants found along the way.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We have a joint hike with Coeur d'Alene Audubon Society scheduled for May 17 to the Trout Creek Segment of the Pend Oreille Wildlife Management Area.

Topics for our chapter meetings and additional field trips for next year have not been determined yet. If you would like to receive updates on Calypso Chapter events, send your email address to the Derek Antonelli, the chapter president, at antonelli8@frontier.com.

LOASA CHAPTER

All INPS members and the public are welcome to attend chapter events.

When: Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month

Where: Taylor Building, Room 258, College of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls

Contact: Kelvin Jones, (208) 886-7051

PAHOVE CHAPTER

When: Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September–April at 6:30 p.m. *Dates and topics in Sage Notes are tentative. More current information will be sent to members via postcard & email & posted on the INPS website: <http://www.idahonativeplants.org/inps/chapter.aspx?ChapterId=4>*

Where: Meetings are usually held at the MK Nature Center Auditorium.

Contact: For more information about Pahove Chapter activities visit the website: www.idahonativeplants.org or email Karie Pappani at pahove.chapter.president@gmail.com.

We are off and running with our 2013-2014 season of presentations. We have social events and educational presentations that will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month through April. We have enjoyed meeting new members and we are always thankful for participation from our chapter members.

The Pahove Chapter would like to announce that Daniel Murphy and Loreli Bouffard have graciously offered to be part of our board. They were voted in during our September meeting. Loreli will be filling the much needed secretary position and Dan will be setting up/supplying the much appreciated snacks and refreshments for our monthly meetings.

Upcoming Events:

December 10, 2013 — Annual Holiday Party

Our holiday party, potluck, and gift exchange will be held at Caroline Morris' home. 'Tis the season, so don't miss this magical meeting with its time-honored plant-related gift exchange antics. Member setup help requested.

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January 14, 2014— Flowers of Croatia and Turkey

Caroline Morris will show us flowers of Croatia and Turkey. Come ready to explore the wonders of the plant kingdom from these foreign lands,

SAWABI CHAPTER

Meetings: We welcome the public to our chapter's informative programs.

When: First Monday of each month, October through March, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Pond Student Union Building, Room 308, ISU Campus, Pocatello.

Contact: 208-241-5851, email desertflwrs@gmail.com.

Our regular winter meetings began October 7.

UPPER SNAKE CHAPTER

When: Meetings are usually held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Field Trips are scheduled in the spring and summer.

Where: Idaho Fish & Game office, Idaho Falls

Contact: Sue Braastad, braastads@yahoo.com

WHITE PINE CHAPTER

Meetings: During the spring and fall, meetings are held once a month. Field trips occur regularly whenever the weather allows. Please check the chapter website for events which may be scheduled or finalized after this issue is printed: www.whitepineinps.org or email the chapter officers at whitepine.chapter@gmail.com.

Where: 1912 Center, Great Room, 412 East Third St., Moscow, Idaho (between Adams and Van Buren)

Contact: White Pine Chapter, whitepine.chapter@gmail.com or PO Box 8481, Moscow, ID 83843.

RECENT EVENTS:

May 14, 2013, White Pine Meeting, Speaker: Don Childress of Sandpoint.

Don gave a highly entertaining and informative presentation on Landscaping with Native Plants. Don has been extremely active in the Sandpoint community since moving there. He is former president of Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society and has been active in the Master Gardener and Master Steward programs. He is one of the contributors to *Landscaping with Native Plants in the Idaho Panhandle*, a book which has become a great tool for introducing many new and longer-term gardeners to Idaho's native plants which they might not have known about or have considered incorporating in their gardens.

Don and his wife Roxann bought a residence with acreage near Sandpoint and started from scratch landscaping this woodland property which had many tall native conifers and ever-present wildlife. In his program, he described some of the micro-climates and the plants they chose to use in each; gave practical advice on choosing native woodland perennials, shrubs and trees which could survive the weather and the marauding wildlife; and showed photos of some of the imaginative hardscaping incorporated in the garden. Seeing photos of their successes with natives and hearing of the challenges overcome certainly made the gardeners in attendance want to see it all first-hand.

The White Pine Chapter scheduled Don's talk four days before their second annual native plant sale in order to educate and inspire potential plant buyers. Don was very effective in fulfilling this role.

July 27-28, 2013: Field trip to Square Mountain area, Gospel Hump Wilderness, led by Mike Hays, Botanist for the USFS Nez Perce - Clearwater Forest.

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Roland Craft and John Lee compare specimens on the Revett Lake hike. Photo by Susan Lee.



Laura Asbell, Derek Antonelli and Roland Craft at Revett Lake. Photo by Susan Lee.

Boykinia major (mountain boykinia, Saxifrage family), Fish Creek Campground. Photo by Elisabeth Brackney.

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Mike's expert guidance included providing plant lists for the three areas visited: Tollgate Creek, Cayuse Meadows and Square Mountain. On the way back to Fish Creek campground, the group of seven stopped to see wet roadside *Mimulus lewisii*. Although a trip to Salmon River canyonlands had been planned for the 28th, because conditions were so dry, it was decided to try to reschedule this for June 2014. Along with camping at Fish Creek, the group also hiked on the Slate Lake trail Sunday.

Participant Elisabeth Brackney writes: "Mike Hays' identification skills and knowledge of plants are always impressive. I was particularly thrilled to see many showy wetland plants, such as *Aconitum columbianum*, *Pedicularis groenlandica*, *Caltha leptosepala* (formerly *C. biflora*), *Platanthera dilatata* (formerly *Habenaria dilatata*), *Spiranthes diluvialis* (formerly *S. romanzoffia*), *Mimulus moschatus* and *Hypericum anagalloides*. We saw a rare plant, *Calochortus nitidus*, and some plants I had never even heard of (e.g., *Chionophila tweedyi*)."

Upcoming Events:

More information on these events will be posted as it becomes available on the Current Events Calendar webpage, www.whitepineinps.org and also will be sent to chapter contacts via email.

Thursday, January 9, 2014—Palouse Prairie Foundation and White Pine chapter co-sponsored meeting, 7 p.m.

Presenter: Dr. Linda Hardesty, Associate Professor and Rangeland Extension Specialist, Department of Natural Resource Sciences, CAHNRS, WSU

Topic: Control of Reed Canary Grass

Thursday, January 23, 2014 — White Pine Chapter meeting, 7 p.m.

Presenter: Andy Hudak, USFS, Rocky Mountain Research Station

Topic: Ecosystem Services with Backyard Benefits: Avian diversity, forest diversity, and carbon sequestration on Moscow Mountain.

Andy will discuss methods for measuring and mapping ecosystem services across Moscow Mountain from field surveys and LIDAR data.

Thursday, February 13, 2014 — White Pine Chapter meeting, 7 p.m.

Presenter: Larry Lass, Research Scientist, Plant, Soil and Entomological Sciences/PSES, University of Idaho

Topic: Guide to identifying lichens in Idaho and surrounding areas.

For more information see *Lichen Field Guide*, *Tips to using Lichen Field Guide*.

Thursday, March 27, 2014 — White Pine Chapter meeting, 7 p.m.

Presenter: Nancy Miller, White Pine chapter member

Topic: Highlights of Annual Meetings past, especially the 2013 INPS/ American Penstemon Society joint meeting.

WOOD RIVER CHAPTER

Contact: Carol Blackburn
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